



Christmas Day 2025 at Ormond Chapel



The first Sunday of Advent was tūmmanako (Hope)

The second Sunday of Advent was rangimarie (Peace)

The third Sunday of Advent was koa (Joy)

The fourth Sunday of Advent was aroha (Love)

Today we light the Christ candle

Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Dorothy Brooker

Once in Royal David's City

**1. Once in royal David's city,
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby,
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild;
Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**2. He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**3. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there His children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.**

Words: C F Alexander

Call to Worship

Gracious God, creator, and lover of the universe, be born in us this Christmas Day as hope, peace, joy and love.

May we sing with the angels, and delight in new life and new possibilities. May your creation be filled with grace and wonder, and your whole earth praise your holy name. **Amen.**

We light the candles of hope, peace, joy and love. Then we light the central candle, the Christ candle.

And we pray together:

God of love and surprises; may we love one another, embracing your generous spirit and ways of justice.

Give us perseverance to bring love to the world in word and in action.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

A simple confession:

We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

**Loving and all-seeing God,
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to yours we ask your pardon.**

God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad,
for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

The minister and people say

**We shall all be one in Christ,
one in our life together.**

**Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

We pray together the Collect for Christmas Day:

**Almighty God,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him,
and be born of the Virgin Mary;
grant that we, who are born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

A reading from the First Testament: Isaiah 62: 6-12

At the end:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

A reading from the New Testament: Titus 3:4-7

At the end:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Gradual: Away in a manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the night sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-7, 8-20

At the start: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 2.
Praise and Glory to God

At the end: This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ, the Word

Reflection especially for young people

Intercessions: *the prayers of the people.*

Offertory: *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

2 "Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

3 "To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

4 "The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."

5 Thus spoke the angel. Suddenly
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation,
God of the universe,
To give you thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said, 'Let there be light';
there was light.
Your light shines on in our darkness.
For you the earth has brought forth life
in all its forms.

You have created us
to hear your Word,
to do your will
and to be fulfilled in your love.
You sent your Son to be for us
The way we need to follow
And the truth we need to know.

For Christ is born in Bethlehem,
God revealed in human form;
The baby in a manger,
The refugee on the Egypt road.

You send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive your Church.
Therefore, with all your witnesses
who surround us on every side,
countless as heaven's stars
we praise you for our creation
and our calling,
with loving and with joyful hearts as we *sing/say*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son;
On that night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine
we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present,
we your people remember your Son.
We thank you for his cross and rising again,
we take courage from his ascension;
we look for his coming in glory
and in him we give ourselves to you.

We celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit,
that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ,
and we who share his cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ,
help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer,
give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new;
you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first,
To whom we bring our songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.

As Christ teaches us we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Communion

Everyone is invited to receive communion.

You may receive both the bread and the wine, or the bread alone. If you would like to receive just a blessing, please let the Priest know.

Blessing

Recessional: O come all ye faithful...

**1. O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!**

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

**Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels;**

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. God of God,
Light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created:
O come, let us adore him,

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
'Glory to God, in the highest';
O come, let us adore him ...

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...

Words: J F Wade
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

Ormond Chapel's monthly services resume on the Sunday 8 February, at 11am and on every second Sunday of the month, however there are 8am and 10am services at the Cathedral each Sunday during January.



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